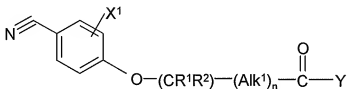


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of the formula:



in which;

- a) X^1 is represented by cyano, halogen or haloalkyl,
- b) R^1 and R^2 are each independently represented by hydrogen or $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)_\text{alkyl}$, ~~optionally substituted, one of R^1 or R^2 is represented by $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_8_\text{alkyl}$ which may be optionally substituted, and the other of R^1 or R^2 is represented by hydrogen or $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_8_\text{alkyl}$ which may be optionally substituted,~~
- c) Alk^1 is represented by a C_1-C_2 linear alkylene group, in which up to two hydrogen atoms are optionally replaced by a substituent selected from the group consisting of $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6_\text{alkyl}$ optionally substituted, halogen, hydroxy, thiol, and cyano,
- d) n is represented by the integer 0 or 1,
- e) Y is represented by NX^2X^3 or O-X^3 ,
- f) X^2 is represented by hydrogen or $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)_\text{alkyl}$ optionally substituted,
- g) X^3 is represented by
 - i. hydrogen,
 - ii. $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{12})_\text{alkyl}$, optionally substituted,
 - iii. $(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{12})_\text{alkenyl}$, optionally substituted,

- iv. (C_2-C_{12}) alkynyl, optionally substituted,
- v. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl, optionally substituted,
- vi. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- vii. (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, optionally substituted,
- viii. (C_6-C_{10}) aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- ix. $-(CH_2)-(Alk^2)_q-C(O)R^3$, in which Alk^2 is represented by a (C_1-C_8) linear alkylene group, in which up to eight hydrogen atoms may optionally be replaced by a substituent, selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_6) alkyl optionally substituted, (C_1-C_6) alkoxy, halogen, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, and NR^8R^9 in which R^8 and R^9 are each independently represented by hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) alkyl, q is the integer 0 or 1, R^3 is represented by hydrogen, (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, or (C_6-C_{10}) aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- x. $-(CH_2)-(Alk^2)_q-C(O)-O-R^4$, in which Alk^2 and q , are as defined above, and R^4 is represented by hydrogen, (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, or (C_6-C_{10}) aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may be optionally substituted,
- xi. $-(CH_2)-(Alk^2)_q-C(O)-NR^5R^6$ in which Alk^2 and q are as described above, and R^5 and R^6 are each independently represented by hydrogen, (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, or (C_6-C_{10}) aryl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may be optionally substituted,
- xii. $-(CH_2)-(Alk^2)_q-Y-R^7$, in which Alk^2 and q are as defined above, Y is O or S, and R^7 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C_1-C_{12}) alkyl, (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, or (C_6-C_{10}) aryl(C_1-

C₆)alkyl, in which the alkyl and aryl moieties may be optionally substituted,

- xiii. heteroaryl, optionally substituted,
- xiv. heteroaryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, in which the heteroaryl and alkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- xv. heterocyclic, optionally substituted,
- xvi. heterocyclic(C₁-C₆)alkyl, in which the alkyl and heterocyclic moieties may each be substituted, or,

h) for those compounds in which Y is N, X² and X³, along with the adjacent nitrogen atom, may form a heterocyclic ring, which may optionally be substituted, or a salt, or solvate, ~~or prodrug~~ thereof.

Claim 2 (original): A compound according to claim 1 in which one of R¹ or R² is hydrogen and the other of R¹ or R² is selected from the group consisting of isobutyl, propyl, n-butyl, isopropyl, and ethyl.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A compound according to claim 4 ~~or~~ 2 in which n is 0.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A compound according to claim 1, 2, ~~or~~ 3 in which X¹ is trifluoromethyl and is located at the 3-position of the phenyl ring.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A compound according to claim 1, 2, 3, ~~or~~ 4 in which Y is NX²X³.

Claim 6 (original): A compound according to claim 5 in which X² is hydrogen.

Claim 7 (original): A compound according to claim 6 in which X³ is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, (C₃-C₁₀)cycloalkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, heteroaryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, and heterocyclic(C₁-C₆)alkyl.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A compound according to claim 1, ~~2, 3, or 4~~ in which Y is OX^3 .

Claim 9 (currently amended): A compound according to anyone of claim ~~[[s]] 1~~ in which X^1 is represented by halogen or haloalkyl.

Claim 10-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~Use of a compound according to anyone of claims 1-9 in the manufacture of a medicament for the~~ A method for alleviating a condition selected from the group consisting of hormone dependent cancers, benign hyperplasia of the prostate, acne, hirsutism, excess sebum, alopecia, premenstrual syndrome, lung cancer, precocious puberty, osteoporosis, hypogonadism, age-related decrease in muscle mass, and anemia~~[[,]]~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~anyone of claim~~ ~~[[s]] 1~~ in admixture with 1, or more, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A topical pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to ~~anyone of claim~~ ~~[[s]] 1~~ in admixture with 1, or more, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients suitable for dermal application.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~An article of manufacture~~ A kit comprising a compound according to ~~anyone of claim~~ ~~[[s]] 1~~ packaged for retail distribution, which advises a consumer how to utilize the compound to alleviate a condition selected from the group consisting of acne, alopecia, and oily skin.